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1. I INFORMED CHAIRMAN SETHNA ON DECEMBER 15TH THAT DEPARTMENT HAD SPOKEN WITH NRC CHAIRMAN ROWDEN ABOUT HIS INVITATION FOR A VISIT TO INDIA'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES. SETHNADID NOT SEEM SURPRISED THAT ROWDEN COULD NOT ARRANGE AN EARLY VISIT. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ROWDEN PROBABLY NEED TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME WHILE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BEGINS TO GRAPPLE WITH THS MANY PRESSING PROBLEMS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

2. SETHNA WAS ENCOURAGED THAT ROWDEN STILL HOPES TO COME TO INDIA SOME TIME IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. SETHNA DOES NOT SEE AN EARLY, DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THEIR SUBSTATIVE NUCLEAR PROBLEMS AND HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT HIGH LEVEL, VISIBLE INTERCHANGES WILL BE HELPFUL IN MAINTAINING AN ATMOSPHERE THAT IS CONDUCIVE FOR THE KIND OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO FIND A SATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE. HE ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT INFORM ROWDEN THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE LATTER'S RELUCTANCE TO COME TO INDIA AT THIS TIME BUT HOPES THAT ROWDEN WILL KEEP HIS INVITATION IN MIND AND TAKE IT UP AT THE EARLIESTPOSSIBLE OCCASION.

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3. SETHNA SAID THAT HE SUPPOSED THAT THERE WILL BE A

NEW ERDA ADMINISTRATOR IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SO HE WOULD WANT TO ESTABLISH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SEAMAN'S SUCCESSOR EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE SEEMS TO SEE NO WAY AT THE PRESENT TIME OF PURSUING HIS IDEA FOR A VISIT BY THE ERDA ADMINISTRATOR.

4. CONGEN GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE HANDLING OF THE ROWDEN INVITATION. THE INTER-CHANGE OF VISITS REMAINS ONE OF SETHNA'S PET PROJECTS AND HE IS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE OF CAREFUL HANDLING OF SUCH INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY AS THEY OFTEN HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED WIDELY OR AT HIGH LEVELS WITHIN THE GOI.
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